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DEPARTMENT ALSO PASS NSC FOR DR BRZEZINSKI AND WHITE HOUSE FOR MR
POWELL

ATHENS ALSO PASS TO SECRETARY'S PAARTY.

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R), TU

SUBJECT: VANCE DEPARTURE STATEMENT

FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF STATEMENT AND EXCHANGE WITH
JOURNALISTS MADE BY SECSTATE VANCE UPON HIS DEPARTURE
FROM ESENBAGA AIRPORT, ANKARA, SAT 21 JAN. HE WAS
SEEN OFF BY GOT FONMIN GUNDUZ OKCUN, WHO MADE NO RPT
NO STATEMENT.

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GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

MY VISIT HAS BEEN A VERY BRIEF ONE, BUT I AM EXTREMELY
HAPPY TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME TO ANKARA FOR
THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH WE HAVE HAD LAST NIGHT AND TODAY.
WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE GENERAL INTERNATIONAL

SITUATION, AS WELL AS A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF SOME OF THE BILATERAL MATTERS THAT AFFECT OUR TWO COUNTRIES. OUR DISCUSSIONS WERE USEFUL AND FRIENDLY, AND WE SHALL BE CONTINUING OUR DISCUSSIONS IN THE FUTURE, DISCUSSING CONCRETE MATTERS.

I WISH TO EXPRESS MY DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR THEIR KINDNESS AND GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY TO MRS VANCE, TO ME AND TO ALL OF MY DELEGATION. I ALSO APPRECIATED GREATLY THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET BRIEFLY THIS MORNING WITH YOUR PRESIDENT. I MIGHT HAVE TIME FOR ONE OR TWO QUESTIONS, AND THEN I'M GOTING TO HAVE TO RUN; I'M A LITTLE BIT BEHIND TIME. (END STATEMENT)

(QUESTION) WILL THE CHANGE IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S ATTITUDE TOWARD NATO--I'M TALKING ABOUT BEFORE CAMPAIGN AND AFTER HE WAS ELECTED TO THE OFFICE--WOULD THAT HAVE ANY EFFECT WITH RESPECT TO THE TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS?

(ANSWER) WELL, LET ME RESPOND BY SAYING I DON'T KNOW WHAT CHANGE YOU'RE REFERRING TO. MR CARTER HAS ALWAYS BEEN A STRONG SUPPORTER OF NATO AND HAS CONTINUED THAT POSITION SINCE HE HAS TAKNE THE PRESIDENCY.

(QUESTION) MR SECRETARY, DO YOU AGREE WITH PRIME MINISTER UNCLASSIFIED

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ECEVIT THAT THE DCA, THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT, SHOULD BE INCREASED IN THE AMOUNT OF AID OR PAYMENT THAT THE UNITED STATES MAKES TO TURKEY?

(ANSWER) INSOFAR AS THE DCA IS CONCERNED, THAT IS AN EXISTING AGREEMENT WHICH WAS DRAFTED IN THE PAST AND IN ITS PARTICULAR FORM, I GATHER THAT HE MAY HAVE SAID TO YOU TODAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE NEED FOR A CHANGE. THAT REFLECTS UNDOUBTEDLY HIS VIEW WITH RESPECT TO THE SITUATION, AND I WOULD PREFER NOT TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS ON THE MATTER AT THIS TIME.

I'LL TAKE ONE MORE QUESTION. YES.

(QUESTION) SIR, ARE YOU GOING TO BE THE MEDIATOR BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE IN THE FUTURE?

(ANSWER) NO. NO. NO. THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN GREECN AND TURKEY ARE A MATTER FOR THE TWO COUNTRIES TO WORK OUT BETWEEN THEMSELVESM

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

(END TRANSCRIPT)
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